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Jay Crystal/asst. photo editor

Students face another week of campaigning for this week's presidential runoff between Carrie Potter and Patrick Macmanus.

## Runoff election revives referenda, candidates

by Matt Berger  
Asst. News Editor

Two referenda voted by paper ballot last week will appear in voting booths during this week's runoff election, according to Joint Elections Committee Chair Terry Goddard.

Goddard said speculation that all voters did not receive the questions caused the JEC to throw out last week's results and place the questions back on the ballot. Threats of lawsuits to Student Court may be avoided with the re-vote.

"We decided there was too much confusion with the way it was supposed to be dealt with," he said. "To quell any confusion, we will simply vote again."

The first question, which changes sections of the Student Association constitution to conform with the JEC charter, passed 396-157. The other question, changing the "National Law Center" to "the Law School" in the constitution, passed 360-96. Overall, 2,858 people voted in campus elections.

"This time around, anyone who wants to vote on the referendum will be able to on the machine," Goddard said.

The main question on Tuesday and Wednesday's runoff election will be the choice for SA president. Carrie Potter and Patrick Macmanus both advanced to the runoff, with neither garnering 40 percent to win outright.

"I'm not surprised it went to a runoff," Goddard said. "They are two very popular candidates and they both have excellent organization."

Potter received 36.63 percent of the vote to come in first place in the election. She said participating in the runoff is like starting over from scratch.

"For us, we're going to keep doing what we have been doing," Potter said. "As far as strategy, the only thing we have to work on is getting people out to vote again."

Macmanus, who advanced with 33.75 percent of the vote, said placing second will help his campaign.

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## Colonials take second in A-10

### GW takes ninth seed in NCAA Tournament

by Dave Mann  
Sports Editor

GW men's basketball Coach Mike Jarvis said Thursday that he hoped his Colonials would remain in the Atlantic 10 Tournament long enough to wear all the clothes they had brought to Philadelphia.

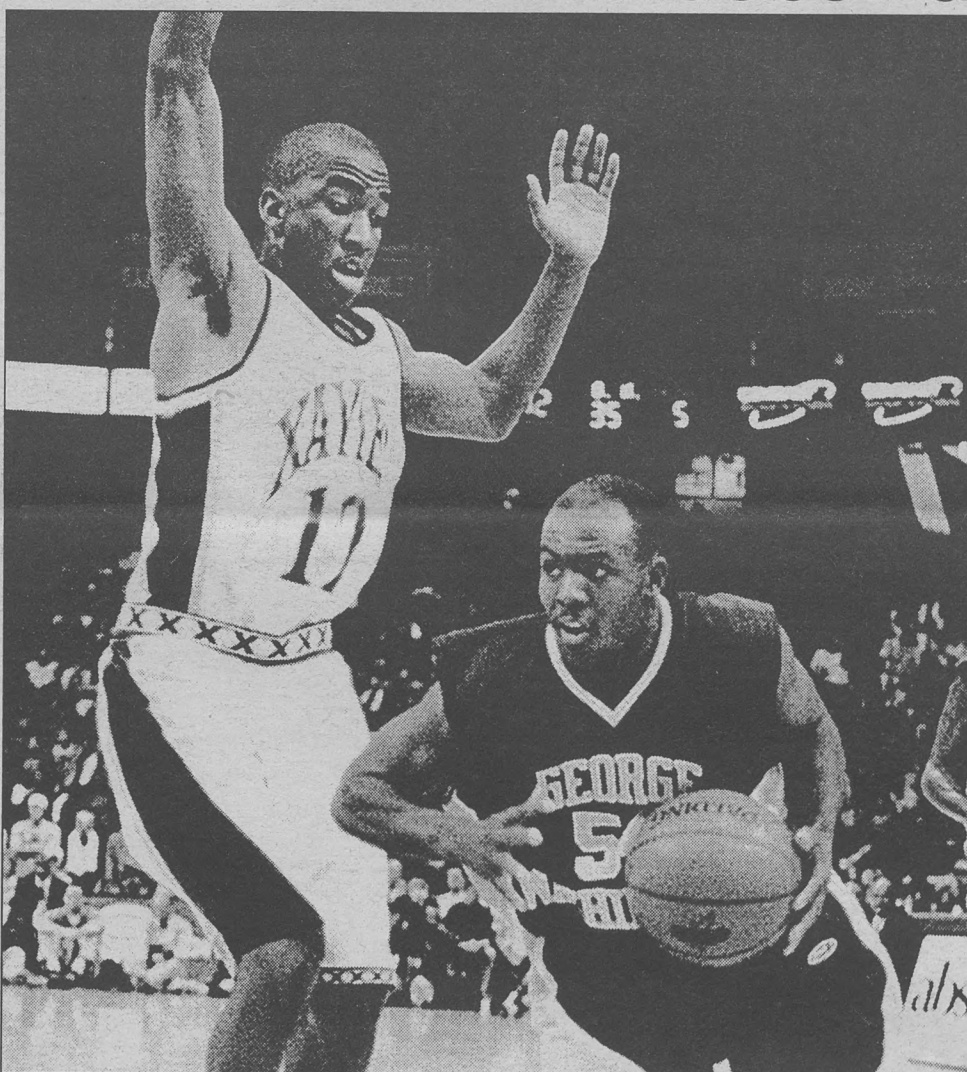
After playing its best basketball in weeks, GW returned to Washington Saturday night with suitcases full of dirty clothes and a trophy signifying second place in the A-10 Tournament. The Colonials beat 24th-ranked Massachusetts Thursday and 23rd-ranked Temple Friday, but lost to Xavier 77-63 in Saturday's championship game.

The NCAA Tournament Selection Committee named GW ninth seed in the South Region Sunday. GW will play Oklahoma State in Lexington, Ky. Friday. If the Colonials win Friday, they most likely will play Duke University in the second round.

"I'm very proud of our team," Jarvis said. "A lot of people didn't expect us to be playing in the championship game and a lot of people won't expect us to go far in the NCAA Tournament, but we will. We're going to ride this train as far as it goes."

GW limped across the finish line of the regular season, losing four of

(See GW, p. 22)



Claire Duggan/senior photo editor

Point guard Shawnta Rogers drives to the basket in GW's 77-63 loss to Xavier in the A-10 Tournament Championship game Saturday. Rogers was the only Colonial named to the All-Tournament Team.

## GW students tackle community service

### Sixty expected to apply for AmeriCorps positions through Neighbors Project

by Greg Lantier  
Hatchet Reporter

A little girl looked up at GW sophomore Darshana Lele and handed her a crayoned picture of a house with two people standing in front.

"This is my house and this is you and me because I think of you as my older sister," the girl told Lele.

Lele said the girl's affection is not unusual - children in the Northwest Settlement House, where Lele volunteers through the GW Neighbors Project's Project Child, often share their love in return for the much-needed attention she gives them.

Lele is applying to become a member of the federal AmeriCorps program next year -

a position from which she said she hopes to help coordinate the children's program.

"This is the kind of work you take home with you - and to class, and on vacation," said Clare Giles, an AmeriCorps member who works with Project Teach at Shaw Junior High.

AmeriCorps participants at GW said they will take a better understanding of inner-city problems, an ability to set and reach goals, strengthened leadership skills, a better sense of identity and great friendships from their service in AmeriCorps.

Grants from the federal AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America programs fund GW's Neighbors Project - a program administered through the University's community service office.

Nearly 25,000 students served more than

11.5 million people through the AmeriCorps program in 1996, according to the AmeriCorps Web site.

The quality and overall impact of AmeriCorps-run community service projects have never been assessed by formal studies, though there is a push for better analysis this year, GW AmeriCorps leader Jomo Graham said.

But Chris Young, who works with a D.C. program called For Love of Children (FLOC), said teachers and principals consistently recognize the importance of AmeriCorps members' work. One teacher at Shaw's Scott-Montgomery Elementary said she can readily identify the values AmeriCorps members instilled in her students, Young said.

"Without AmeriCorps members, we

(See AMERICORPS, p. 15)



# Answering stacks of mail lets me play 'Dear Abby' for a day

I've got a problem.

The staff of The Hatchet gets positively overwhelmed with the massive volume of mail sent to me on a weekly basis. Unfortunately, my administrative staff has been downsized, so this week, instead of a column, I must answer my mail.

Anonymous writes: Dear Tryg, I wrote a play entitled "Stay" that was reviewed by a campus publication, and my friend Andrew Kozma wrote FOUR plays that weren't reviewed, and very few people came to them. What should we do?

Dear Anonymous: If you write

enough plays, people will take notice. I went to your play, and I can't understand why more people didn't come. Keep up the good work!

Steffen Toel Jrachtenberg (we've got to protect his true identity) writes: Dear Tryg, I've got some great ideas for GW in the future. I'm going to build another hospital and use FSK to house first-year law students. What do you think?

Dear Mr. Jrachtenberg: Does this mean that the organization currently at 23rd Street will be known in the future as "The Hospital Formerly

Known As GW?" Actually, with the ever-increasing tuition, lack of technology and the massive increases in interest in the arts, I think the University's first priority should be a new hospital.

As for giving FSK to law students, with the ever-increasing freshman classes, reducing the amount of campus housing is a great idea. If we're lucky, we can force all non-GW people out of Colombia Plaza, and it can take the moniker "New Hall."

"R" (not his real letter) writes: Dear Tryg, new student elections are

almost over, and pretty soon I'll be out of a job. What do you think I should do with my time now?

Dear "R": New hobbies are always nice. For instance, a good release of energy would be to organize a campaign poster pickup, since the candidates for your job will be trashing the campus with more palm-cards again this week – and certain folks will rip down posters and leave them on the ground. My friend Ben came to town and remarked that campus is a trash heap with all the posters on the ground. Or you could try bocce ball.

B. Clinton writes in: Dear Tryg, I just can't catch a break lately. First the press finds out about my girlfriend, then my friend S. won't help me out of that jam! What's a bubba to do?

Dear B. Clinton: More of the same always works in a situation like this. Deny everything until they ask for the tapes. If they ask for the tapes, send a crew over to the Watergate and steal something. If that doesn't work, well, you could always call Dustin Hoffman.

The next letter is from a group of people. Chumbawhumba writes: Dear Tryg, I get knocked down, but I get up again. No, you're never going to get me down. I take a whiskey drink, I take a vodka drink, I take a lager drink, I take a cider drink. I sing songs about the good

times, I sing songs about the better times.

Chumbawhumba: Well stop singing. Please. You're driving me to sobriety.

J. Ben-Mac writes: Dear Tryg, I saw you across the Quad talking to someone last week. How dare you have an opinion about something and talk to someone about it!

Dear J. Ben-Mac: Not to worry. A professor in Lisner Hall saw that too,

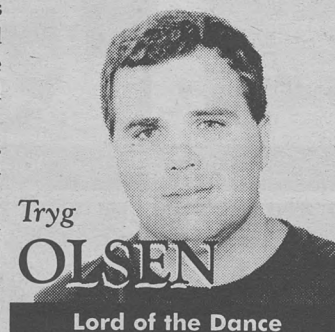
and alerted the proper authorities. From now on, I'll be consulting with you on everything: opinions, feelings, thoughts; Mi mind es su mind, compadre. No more independent thought for me, that's for sure!

C.P. writes: Dear Tryg: the presidential election will be heading into a runoff this week. Who will you endorse, and do you have any advice for the candidates?

Dear C.P.: I'm seriously disgruntled over elections. I ran for president and then Jason Ditzian took my platform of "nothing" so I won't be endorsing anyone.


As for advice, know this: The Marvin Center will fall to the ground before you get me to vote in a student election.

My mother will be on campus this week, and if you don't find this column funny, she'll beat you up.



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# Court to examine Senate proxies

by **Tammy Imhoff**  
Hatchet Staff Writer

The Student Court could decide this week how much discretionary power the Student Association executive vice president holds in the creation of Senate procedures.

Graduate Sen. Emily Cummins (CSAS) filed a suit with the court last week against EVP Tony Sayegh, alleging he disregarded the SA's bylaws when he allowed two senators to change their proxies for the Feb. 26 Senate meeting.

Cummins' suit asks that all votes taken at the meeting be invalidated and taken again.

SA rules for proxy votes allow a senator who must miss a meeting to grant permission to another senator to vote on bills that come up at the meeting.

The Senate's bylaws currently require proxy vote requests to be submitted in writing at least one day before the meeting.

Cummins said several senators proxied their votes to her in writing, but later verbally changed their proxies to Sen. Bob Nelson (SMHS).

In her suit, Cummins said because the procedure outlined in the bylaws grants the proxies to her, Nelson should not have been granted the votes.

"The proxy procedures are clearly outlined and were not properly followed and it was known that they were not being followed ... the bylaws were abused on purpose," Cummins said.

Four senators proxied their votes to Nelson at the Feb. 26 meeting. According to the complaint, Nelson

was able to use his five votes to "control all significant" votes taken at the meeting.

Sayegh said it has been his practice all year to allow senators to verbally designate other senators as their proxies.

"Graduate students often have jobs and other projects they are working on and often situations arise, so I have been flexible with taking proxies verbally or over the phone if necessary," Sayegh said. "This has been my policy all year and Emily has never complained about it before."

Cummins said she was unaware of Sayegh's policy. But she said regardless of whether his policy was well-known, the EVP cannot create policies that contradict the Senate's bylaws.

"Even if the EVP does have the ability to adopt these unofficial policies, he should not adopt a policy in direct contradiction to a written policy," Cummins said. "This is an example of stretching the role a bit too much."

Student Court Chief Justice Tom Boer said the suit will be heard on Monday, in hopes that the issue will be decided before the next Senate meeting.

Cummins said she filed the suit merely on principle, not because of the issues at stake at the Feb. 26 meeting. Many of the votes taken that night regarded ballot questions, so taking the votes again after the election would be a moot point.

"It was with regret that I filed this court case at all," Cummins said. "I consider Tony a friend, but I saw no other way to address this problem."

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## Back to the booths

More than 2,800 students voted in last week's campus elections. As the race for Student Association president pushes to another week – with Carrie Potter and Patrick Macmanus securing places in a runoff election – the challenge is to return a hefty turnout to the voting booths.

Students who imagine their votes don't matter should keep in mind that only 86 votes separated Potter and Macmanus last week, the closest finish in five years. Each vote counts in this runoff.

Round one for SA president mobilized voters behind candidates who promised change in student government. Sabina Siddiqui's campaign attracted international and multicultural students who expressed discontent with the SA's attention to a narrow constituency. She garnered a substantial 19 percent of the vote – 563 students.

Likewise, almost 300 people voted for Jason Ditzian claiming they are fed up with the SA and want radical change. Both these blocs of voters should not stay home because their preferred candidates lost.

In our view, the candidate to bring greater diversity, inclusion and change in the SA remains Carrie Potter. She represents the best hope for opening up the SA to all students, not just political junkies or those aiming to live grand illusions of power and influence.

Macmanus definitely has fire in the belly, but his passion does not translate into realistic and attainable goals. His call for professional pollsters to discover what students want bodes ill for his presidency. Hopefully the new SA president will be tuned-in to students without professional help – and will well represent students' concerns with a diverse cabinet.

Siddiqui, as well as Executive Vice President-elect Jesse Strauss, have thrown their support to Potter. While their stated support is good for the Potter campaign, what counts is whether their supporters come out and vote Tuesday and Wednesday.

Many students want the SA to be more friendly to average students, and accountable for its actions. If students really want change, they should become active in campus life and work for it – even if that means one vote at a time. Change will not come if students simply complain about the status quo.

## Starr quest

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott made news this weekend after publicly stating he thinks Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr should quickly wrap up his investigation into alleged misdeeds by President Clinton and his associates. Lott also said Congress might consider censuring Clinton if Starr uncovered evidence of wrongdoing not serious enough to warrant impeachment proceedings.

Lott stated what many Americans feel – the Starr investigation has gone on far too long without results. But those who argue Starr should tell the American people what he has uncovered and its seriousness miss the point of our judicial system and of the Independent Counsel Act.

The Starr inquiry by law is supposed to remain confidential and free from political bias. While many argue that neither of these standards are being upheld, the fact remains that barring intervention by Attorney General Janet Reno, the only one who will decide when the investigation is over is Starr himself. It is his duty to ensure the proceedings are conducted in a just and professional manner.

Justice is not determined by public opinion polls or the sentiments of congressional leaders. Truth is found after a long search among an avalanche of lies and half-truths. As a professional, Starr is expected to remain focused on the issues and remain free from partisan bias. The American people must be patient for the truth to be found – and Starr should not impair the credibility of his own investigation by dragging it on unnecessarily. But rushed, partial justice is no substitute for complete justice.

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# Opinions

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## Letters to the Editor

### Power of words

I'm a practiced bisexual (not practicing – I know what I'm doing by now). I have read the opinion piece from Feb. 23, (The GW Hatchet, "Conversation about gays and its effects," p.5) and I have read the letters in response. I must say, I was upset at the overheard conversation expressed in the first article. The idea that people find my happiness "disgusting" is really upsetting. Yes, as citizens of this country we have the right to say whatever we want. However, as humans we have an obligation to be careful of others, and treat others as we would want to be treated.

A professor of mine constantly, in nearly every class, reminds his students that language is an imperfect tool and discretion must be used. It seems that we often forget this and do not choose our words carefully. Even a slightly wrong word choice makes the difference. It's the difference between "nigger" and "black." It's the difference between "kike" and "Jew."

It's the difference between "I wouldn't do that" and "that's disgusting." "I wouldn't do that" is a person's opinion, where the object is that person speaking. "That's disgusting" places someone else,

someone who might be listening, in an uncomfortable and degrading position. However, everyone has the right to choose the more comfortable word, or the hateful word.

The writer did not discuss rights, however. He discussed the wrongs he felt, and I feel those wrongs, too. We just held a protest to keep the Ku Klux Klan from demonstrating in Maryland. They choose the hateful word. Why shouldn't we protest when the hurtful word is on our own campus?

—Michelle Weiss  
freshman

### Vicious vocabulary

I don't have a strong opinion about same-sex marriages. I do, however, have a strong opinion about people who use, as a closing to their arguments, something like "when doing so, one should know what they are talking about and at least attempt to not come across like an ignorant, uneducated bigot" (The GW Hatchet, "Not So Fast," March 5, p.4).

In modern parlance, words like "uneducated," "bigot" and "narrow-minded" all mean: "You don't agree with what I believe, so there must be something wrong with

you." At one time, perhaps, they had more specific meanings, but now they are simply highly-charged buzzwords used by the politically involved to lend emotional weight to their arguments.

It boils down to simple, shallow name-calling. We use these words to imply that the only right-thinking opinion is the one we hold, and that the opposing side is made up of simpletons, Nazis and other bad or stupid people. With the power of one word, we can associate those who disagree with us with a whole list of political undesirables (Klansmen, rednecks, religious fundamentalists, white male Republican senators, etc.)

A few decades ago, when we wanted to persecute others for their beliefs, we called them "commie" or "pinko." Today, we use words like "ignorant," "uneducated" and "bigot." I could have sworn that, at one time in the past, "narrow-minded" meant that someone was unable to understand that there are usually two sides (often more) to every issue, and that reasonable people will disagree. It seems that too many of us, in our zeal to make the world a more tolerant place, have forgotten that.

—Jason Myers  
senior

## Irrelevant Foggy Bottom cola wars

George Washington University seems to have a student body that very readily questions administration policies. While such action is definitely necessary, it can overstep the bounds of sanity. I'm finished with standing in the unvoiced shadows of GW and I'm ready to razz some of those vocal ones out there. This issue transcends Student Association elections, tuition hikes and even same-sex marriages. What is this highly important issue? It is "The Coke and Pepsi War!"

This issue seems to rank in the top 10 of GDubbers' concerns about their school. It is a favorite pastime of some to complain about the school's contract with Pepsi, crying to be liberated from the tyranny of Czar Trachtenberg – and be allowed to drink a Coke on campus without getting shot by Pepsi Police snipers positioned atop the Marvin Center (falling concrete, hah!).

In fact, the issue of getting a Coke contract over Pepsi was important enough to be included on SA senator-elect Zach Radford's campaign platform.

Now some of you will have to excuse me. I am no pop (or soda, if that floats your boat) connoisseur. However, I can taste the difference between Coke and Pepsi. Once at a middle school party, someone claimed a difference existed, so I tried to

prove them wrong.

Is Coke better than Pepsi? I don't know. I do know one thing, though. The difference is so close to nothing that if it were described by a math major (I'm thinking about it, so don't make fun), it would be described as "approaching zero," which clearly means to everyone but the math teacher, zero.

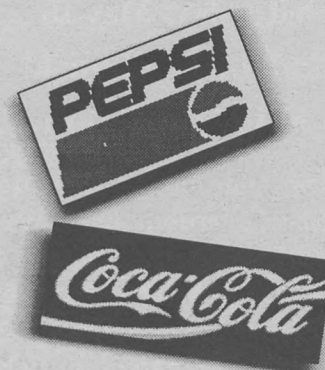
GW doesn't seem to me to be the kind of institution that would readily throw away money on its students. I can almost guarantee that the Pepsi contract saves us money over an equivalent Coke contract.

How sane is it that the student body, always ready to point out to the administration where it is wasting money, is ready to spend more money on a product that is nearly the same as its counterpart? Not to mention the fact that as soon as Coke signs would be erected for worship in the J Street dining facilities, Pepsi drinkers everywhere would crawl out of the woodworks and unite under the repression of their taste buds.

This humble freshman thinks that the issue should be left for dead. As a wise man once told me (actually, he was drunk, but there isn't a huge difference), "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

—The writer is a freshman undecided on a major.

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## The GW meal plan's fleecing of students

I am taking this time while my microwave dinner cooks to express my strong opinion about how this school seems more interested in money than students' welfare. Case in point: the meal plan.

I have, through some quick calculations, found very small savings exist for students using the meal plan. The average meal at J Street is \$6.00, a price one might pay at a diner for some fairly decent food – and my calculations assumed a student actually would eat all the meals he pays for each week.

This brings me to the meal hours. For a business to receive a customer's money in advance, then only let the customer receive his purchased goods at certain times, else he forfeit all right to them, is outright ridiculous and should be unlawful! The freshmen and sophomores who live on campus have no choice but to accept this thievery – the University gives them none.

I wonder why? I bet a ton of parents want their kids on the meal plan; all moms want to ensure little Jimmy remembers to eat. If this is the purpose, fine, but give them a choice! If parents want their kids to be on the plan, then they voluntarily can sign them up. Let's see, who would be at a loss? All of the students would get what they need, that leaves – whoa! Big surprise! The University.

Imagine if Aramark didn't receive all of its revenue up front. Wouldn't it have time to purchase all of its high-quality supplies? Heaven forbid it fend for itself and earn its own money, like normal restaurants do. Maybe if it was a little more cost-conscious and time-effective.

But wait! Students can only use their meal plans at certain times of the day, so stations can reduce workers on duty to the bare minimum. Maybe if Aramark didn't pay such high wages. Yeah, right.

I have worked in several food-service stores, and the one thing everyone stresses is customer service. I

have never, ever been as poorly treated by any stranger, let alone someone I have given money.

The customer is not right, the customer is an annoying kid who keeps the workers busy and agitated. Surely better paid and trained employees wouldn't be like that.

Now let's address the points program. Why can't I use my meal points off campus for real food? "Because it is special, magic, tax-free money," says

the University. Tax free for who? If I go somewhere that charges tax, why can't I just pay that tax as additional points taken off of my account? I don't ask for tax exemption everywhere, just for some freedom of choice! I am willing to bet the University gets

some sort of exemption with all this tax-free income.

Once again, money comes before the students.

I wonder why there aren't many off-campus partners. Let's look at the benefits: 1.) You have to pay the University a share of each transaction, yet you cannot charge more to cover the difference. Wow, there's a big plus! Let's make less money for the same product, plus we get to deal with 2.) college students!

Let's face it, we are an unpleasant crew to deal with! We are flighty, irresponsible, rude, mostly drunk, and so on. Where I come from, diners absolutely despise large groups of kids – they know what's up. Now the University wants local food shops to deal especially with us for less money.

I know that ours is just one of many universities participating in a paradigm, but that does not mean that it is right. A school-wide reformation of this unfair practice would truly be an example of progress in our University. But don't boycott J Street, it already has our money.

*—The writer is a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering.*

**Ben Ruppel**

## The ignored GW arts

Wednesday night I was listening to GW election coverage on WRTV (AM 600) and heard an interview with one of the candidates, I believe it was Alan Elias. He stated his concern about the lack of GW community, unity and school pride. He proposed to solve this problem by increasing the quality of programs groups like Program Board and the Student Association bring to campus. He communicated his personal wish that we work to bring musical groups such as the Wallflowers and the Dave Matthews Band to GW in order to promote campus pride.

Putting aside my own feelings about these particular groups, I do not see how bringing outside acts and art can promote a stronger and closer GW community. I do not want to attack Mr. Elias, but instead I propose my ideas to all newly-elected student officials. We have wonderful art, theater, dance and music on campus already, among our various student organizations. It is this we need to put SA and PB effort into promoting.

During my short time at this University, the one thing that has bothered me more than both lack of up-to-date technology and the administration's reluctance to put money into necessary University organizations such as student radio, is the fact that the arts are all but ignored by the part of the student population not directly involved with

them.

Instead of spending time and money to make arts on campus more visible and recognized by the University in general, the organizations responsible for entertainment on campus target their efforts toward bringing in outside acts, groups, etc. This situation is worsened by the fact that, many times, student newspapers choose not to review student productions and instead give us information about movies, plays and concerts that happen

off campus.

In last Monday's issue of The Hatchet, a review of "Arcadia" was included. Although I was glad to see The Hatchet covering student art, I was dismayed to find that by reading the rest of the issue one would never know two other student-produced plays ("Stay" and "The Burning Cycle," both written by students) also were running.

I say to Elias, and the rest of our student politicians, that if you want to promote a feeling of campus community and pride, spend time promoting programs such as CPAC, Generic Theatre, the GW Pitches, the dance department – and the list could go on and on. Help show the student body what a wealth of fantastic art and talent we have here at GW.

*—The writer is a freshman undecided on a major.*

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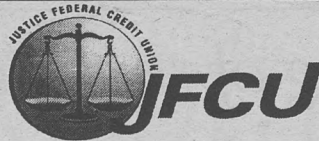
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### MONDAY, 3/9

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**"Inside the Mind of Saddam Hussein,"** 6:15-7:15pm, Stuart 103, FREE. By Dr Jerrold Post. Info? Ilaya @ 994-4876.

**Medical School Application Workshop,** 7pm, MC 405, FREE. Info? Baran @ (703) 583-4357.

**14th Annual Steiner Scholarship Benefit Concert,** 7:30pm, Marvin Thtr, \$2 Students, \$10 General Adm, \$6 Faculty, Staff, Alumni. Performed by music faculty. Info? Jessica @ 994-6245.

### TUESDAY, 3/10

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Bake Sale,** 11am-4pm, MC, FREE. Info? Dayana @ 994-3704.

**Study Abroad Second Step Advising Session,** 2:30pm, Stuart 104, FREE. Info? Alayne @ 994-1649.

**Financial Assistance & Study Abroad,** 4pm, MC 403, FREE. Info? Alayne @ 994-1649.

**Commemoration of Tibet Uprising Day,** gather at 5:30pm, begin at 6pm, FREE. SFT & ICT co-sponsoring candle light vigil in front of Chinese Embassy. Info? Nancy @ 887-9697.

**Stress Management Workshop,** 7:30-8:30pm, Strong Piano Lounge, FREE. Jaci Reynolds speaks in conjunction w/ National Collegiate Health & Wellness Week. Sponsored by Leadership Series, program of SAC. Info? Liz @ 994-6555.

**Golden Key National Honor Society General Member Mtg,** 8:45-9:45pm, Monroe 103, FREE. Info? Lisa @ 887-0438.

### WEDNESDAY, 3/11

**Brown Bag: "Japanese Disaster Response,"** 12:30-1:30pm, Stuart 103, FREE. Info? Ilaya @ 994-4876.

**AIDS and its Effects on Women,** 7pm, MC 415, FREE. Sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha. Info? Autumn @ 676-2215.

### THURSDAY, 3/12

**Study Abroad General Info Session,** 11am, Stuart 104, FREE. Info? Alayne @ 994-1649.

**Get Organized,** 4:10-5:30pm, 2033 K St, FREE. Use time management techniques to make studies easier. Info? GW Counseling Center @ 994-5300.

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**Study Abroad Second Step Advising Session,** 11:30am, Stuart 104, FREE. Info? Alayne @ 994-1649.

**Study Abroad General Info Session,** 2pm, Stuart 104, FREE. Info? Alayne @ 994-1649.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JEC Office Hours,** 9am-5pm, M-F, MC 433, FREE. Info? JEC @ 994-5953.

**Romance Languages Placement Exams,** March 23-26, M/T: 9am-1pm; W/R: 1-4pm, ACT- 513. French, Italian, & Spanish. Info? Sheldon @ 994-6330.

**Intramural "World Cup" Soccer Tournament,** begins March 27. Two-day, outdoor, 7 on 7 soccer tournament. Entry deadline: March 9 @ 7pm.

**Intramural Ping Pong Tournament,** March 27, \$3 entry fee. Entry deadline: March 24 @ 7pm. Info? Aubre @ 994-6251.

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**Diplomacy Night!** April 3, 7:30pm, MC 406, FREE. Info? IAS: ias@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu.

**Metro Area Leadership Consortium,** April 4, 9am-5pm, U of M College Park, \$15 registration fee. One-day conference designed to bring students from area colleges & universities together to learn about leadership & exchange ideas. Registration forms available in SAC. Transportation provided. Info? Liz @ 994-6555.

**Excellence in Student Life,** April 16. Call for nominations. Nomination packets available in MC 427, MC 204, Fulbright 104, & Rice Lobby. Return to MC 427 by March 25. Info? Carmen @ 994-6555.

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## Four emerge from pack to claim CSAS seats

by Kathryn Maese  
Hatchet Staff Writer

Early Thursday morning in J Street's makeshift campaign headquarters, the four new Columbian School of Arts and Sciences undergraduate senators were announced by the Joint Elections Committee amidst shouts of victory and defeat.

Bleary-eyed from too little sleep and too much adrenaline, the four new senators - Alexis Rice, Aaron Chacker, Zach Radford and Jared Hosid - shook hands and accepted hugs from supporters.

"Excited," was the one-word answer Rice used to describe her feelings Thursday, stopping to accept a hug from one of her supporters.

"I think the key to my victory was all the grassroots support that I received," she said.

Rice, who garnered 13.87 percent of the vote to come in first place, is the Director of Student Involvement for the Student Association. According to Rice, her political experience on Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar's successful presidential campaign last year made it easier to run her campaign this year.

Rice said her first order of business will be to make the SA more responsive to the student body.

"I don't want the Student Association to be an elitist group," she said.

Chacker, Thurston Hall Council president, won his seat with 10.8 percent of the vote. He said his platform is aimed at taking advantage of GW's "undeveloped potential," citing GW's

national ranking in *U.S. News & World Report*, the meal plan and Greek-letter reputation.

Sporting a red-and-white-striped Uncle Sam coat and colorful Hawaiian leis on election night, Radford snagged the third seat with 10.14 percent of the vote. Radford, who said he began his career in politics at age nine, said his first project as senator will be to get Coca-Cola onto GW's campus.

"A strong, clear and loud voice," was what Hosid demanded of the SA in his campaign platform.

"Only then will this truly be our GW," he said. Hosid won the fourth seat with 9.9 percent of the vote.

"This year we've had a bigger turnout than last year," said Peter Littleton, one of 12 candidates. "There have been more people to diversify the vote."

Competition was fierce but friendly in the race.

"My competitors ran a very clean race," Radford said. "It was both motivating and refreshing."

"Everyone worked hard to make sure that there wasn't any slander," Chacker said.

As the proverbial eleventh hour approached for the JEC to emerge from behind closed doors and announce the election results, Radford predicted that "some good people" would get elected. CSAS candidate Sheandra Clark, who came in ninth, said she would be excited for whoever won as long as campaign promises are kept.

"In the CSAS race we've had 12 candidates who have been both qualified and dignified," said candidate Lonnie Giamela of his peers. "Whoever gets chosen, they are going to be four great senators."

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# impressions

## MTV 120 Minutes Live presents nothing new Music channel's live album misses chance to tap innovative channels

by Heather Hare

Arts Editor

In its first release of live performances from "120 Minutes," MTV has outdone itself in its exploitation of alternative music.

### music review

Though the album includes exciting and popular artists, it sucks the life from new music. Music fans are looking for something fresh and never done before. *MTV 120 Minutes Live* (Atlantic Records) is not the place to look for innovation.

The first song on the album is "Supersonic" by Oasis. Unfortunately, Oasis has been played-out by MTV itself. No one really cares about the band, even with its recent break up. While Oasis performed "Supersonic" live, it still sounds dead. Instead of the opener, "Supersonic" should be buried in later tracks. It only demonstrates further what MTV can do to good music.

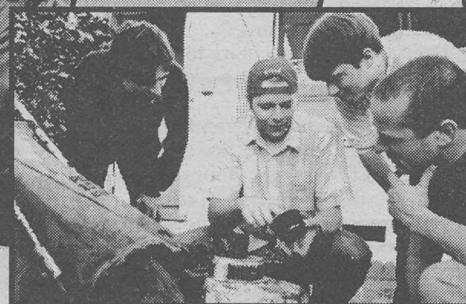
MTV did something right when it included Weezer's "Undone (The Sweater Song)." But it failed to capture Weezer's live performance abilities. It's a positive thing that instead of opting for "Buddy Holly," the slightly less

overplayed "Undone" was included.

MTV almost makes this album something to buy just by including PJ Harvey, Morphine, Bad Religion and Victoria Williams with Lou Reed. MTV has shown it has an eye for talent, sometimes.

Though most of the songs sound identical to their original recordings, a few performances are quite good. The Violent Femmes' live version of "Kiss Off" gives fans a fresher look at an old song. Vocals and guitar solos have been altered from the original recording.

Williams and Loud Reed is the highlight of the live album. Even with Williams' nasally voice, the song comes out as a beautiful acoustic piece. Reed's amazing ability on the guitar shines. Both demonstrate they can improvise with their mingling voices.



(l to r)  
Radiohead,  
Björk, They  
Might Be  
Giants,  
Weezer  
and Sex  
Pistols

This lineup also demonstrates the album is not as homogenous as it seems. PJ Harvey, with her deep voice and forceful lyrics, does not seem to be in the same genre as the loud and hard Bad Religion. Neither do Lou Reed and Porno for Pyros.

Sex Pistols was a driving force in alternative music when it first hit the music scene, so, wisely, MTV added it to the list. "Pretty Vacant" is not the band's best song, but by including it, MTV obviously researched for the release.

Likewise, "Aeroplane" by Björk has been changed from her album version.

They Might Be Giants took the opportunity to change "Particle Man" a little. Using only an acoustic guitar, accordion and one singer, the band managed to make this hollow-sounding song sound even more hollow. Any depth in the original version is lost in the live one. However, it does show the band really can play instruments. And, as always, the band's humor stays in the foreground.

"Crazy Mary" performed by Victoria

Radiohead could have taken the chance to change its lullaby-sounding "Fake Plastic Trees," but did not. If anything, Radiohead slowed the song even more. Though the performance showcases the band's talent for evoking emotion, it still makes listeners skip to the next song out of boredom. Too bad it's the last track.

MTV could have used this album to show it can do what it purports to do: bring new music to its watchers. But MTV fails again. It is as stagnant as ever.

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THE CLASSIC COLLECTION

## Album celebrates women artists around the world

by Catherine Feeny

Hatchet Reporter

In celebration of International Women's Day March 8, Putamayo World Music will release a collection entitled *Women of Spirit* March 10. The album, featuring extraordinary women artists from around the world, takes the listener on an exciting journey — culturally, emotionally and musically.

*Women of Spirit* begins with a stunningly exotic duet by Scotland's Capercaillie and Guinea's Sibeba that establishes the tone of the album. In "Inexile," the artists seamlessly blend the moods of Celtic and West African music. Subtle drumming creates a strong rhythmic core and complements jig-like fiddling that later becomes the focus of the song. The voices of the sisters in Sibeba provide an upbeat counterpoint to Capercaillie's Karen Matheson's dark, medieval sound.

Many songs on the album are in languages other than English. The absence of a "plot" to follow forces the English-speaking listener to appreciate aspects of the music potentially undervalued. Even if one does not understand the words, the songs are strong enough musically to impress.

One exception is Ani DiFranco's "Done Wrong," which seems jarringly out of place in the midst of the celebratory procession. Although not all the songs are happy, "Done Wrong" contains a bitterness that appears incongruous with the goal of "inspiring and uplifting" the listener, the creed written on the album cover. The vocal melody and instrumentals are one-dimensional.

Cassandra Wilson, on the other hand, produces a powerful expression of grief in "Death Letter." Wilson's understated, subtly expressive voice evokes the speaker's sorrow at the death of a man she "didn't know [she] loved until they laid him down." The low "wah" of the guitar in the background brings to mind the sound of an organ, while the unexpected pluck of a mandolin adds brightness to the texture of the music.

It is difficult to highlight the best of an album so uniformly compelling. With *Women of Spirit*, Putamayo continues its tradition of exposing American audiences to worthwhile music difficult to pinpoint in the sea of world music available today.



# Basketball - with a little OOMPH

by Dan Gabriel

Hatchet Staff Writer

It's Friday night and freshman Craig Friedman sits deep inside enemy territory in Philadelphia's Corestates Spectrum. The GW men's basketball team is closing in on an Atlantic 10 semifinals victory over Temple. The crowd growls, loud and rowdy.

A fat, middle-aged, drunk man spots Friedman and yells, "Hey drummer, do you get laid a lot because you're in the band?"

According to Friedman, a drummer in the GW pep band, raucous comments are just part of the fun of being in the band.

When the men's basketball team takes to the parquet in next week's NCAA Tournament, it can rest assured its loudest fans - those with trumpets, tubas, saxes and trombones - will be behind them, grooving to the likes of "Jungle Boogie," "Iron Man" and "Sweet Child of Mine."

"I love the energy of our band," Professor Ben Fritz, conductor, said. "As far as playing goes, it would be hard to say that we're the best band - look at the Big 10, for instance - but I know no one has ever out-cheered us," Fritz said.

The pep band, officially named "Colonial Brass," is comprised of about 50 students. Of these, only 30 play at the tournaments.

Colonial Brass has a classical music facet, and selects its players from the University's wind ensemble and symphonic band.

The symphonic band meets twice a week as a class, and gives a performance each semester. Most members started playing in high school, and have about eight years of musical experience.

The pep band meets for at least three hours a week, and students are expected to put in two hours of individual practice during the week. Practices begin the second week of school, and the schedule runs through next week's NCAA Tournament. The players put in 40 hours of work at last week's A-10 Tournament, bussing between D.C. and Philadelphia each day.

The students receive a \$1,000 scholarship in exchange for work in the band, which breaks down to about \$4 an hour.

The band has about 80-100 pieces in its tune book, and could theoretically play two games without repeating a song. That will never happen, though, band members are quick to point out - not a game goes by without the Fight Song.

Behind every great band is a great conductor. The man behind Colonial Brass is the bearded and jovial Fritz. Fritz has been kicking around college bands since his own undergraduate days at Michigan State University.

When he inherited GW's band program in 1990, it boasted only a fraction of its present strength. Just 10 years ago, the entire band program

was comprised of about 15 students. Since then it has swelled to include 140 students who are involved in the symphonic band, the wind ensemble and Colonial Brass.

"I'm very proud of the kids. They're smart and hard working, and they've come a long way," Fritz said. "We're finally at the point where we can stand toe-to-toe with the Atlantic Coast Conference schools. It's apparent when we go to the MCI Center and we're playing across from Maryland."

From 1991 to 1994, the band sat behind the basket on the Smith Center's mezzanine level.

"Throughout our history, we've been able to distract the other team without using foul language," Fritz boasted. "Statistically, we used to affect the other team's free-throw shooting percentage when we were in the end zone."

Fritz said the band gets a mixed message from fans.

"I don't think they're very discerning whether we play especially well or poorly," he shrugged. "I don't think they always realize good playing."

But according to Fritz, the women's basketball team is especially appreciative. The band and the team bonded and partied on the road at last year's NCAA Tournament in Columbia, South Carolina, he recalled.

Colonial Brass is the first band in the A-10 to cover all the women's home games with the full band. Often, Fritz said, the band and cheerleaders are among the only fans at women's games.

Fritz said he believes his program is about 60 percent developed. Ten years from now, he expects a 90-member basketball band with a regular performance core of about 60 students.

Michelle Lennihan, a 1996 graduate and one-time band president, drew a parallel between the band's development and improved school spirit and quality. The band program, she insisted, puts GW on par with "big schools."

"I think the basketball program - the band and cheerleading squad included - are a microcosm of the University as a whole," Lennihan said. "The teams and the band keep getting better, and even though we graduate outstanding seniors each year, the program has been able to re-tool itself."

During her days in the band, Lennihan traveled to both the men's and the women's NCAA Tournaments.

"We've gone to other people's courts and taken over, giving the team home court advantage," Lennihan said. "Sometimes when you're walking around on GW's campus, you don't really have a sense of school spirit and camaraderie. When you're at every basketball game playing your heart out in the band as an ambassador to the school, it's completely different."

Freshman trumpet player Dave Greenberg said he laughs with

fans who don't give the band proper respect.

"We work hard for the fans," he pointed out, noting that he had been hit in the back of the head with a trombone slide on more than one occasion.

Marc Kaplan, a sophomore who plays the mellophone, said he couldn't care less what people say about

the band.

"Typically you say you're in the band and you get a chuckle because it's not the lacrosse team," Kaplan said. "But at the same time, I don't care. This is what we're good at and we like it."

"Picture a movie without the sound," Greenberg interjected. He enjoys the rush of having a whole

crowd listening to him play, he explained.

"It's a sweet ride," Greenberg said.

As in much of life, success in the band depends on pushing the right buttons.

"We know just what to play and yell to make those UMass players flip us off," Fritz chuckled.



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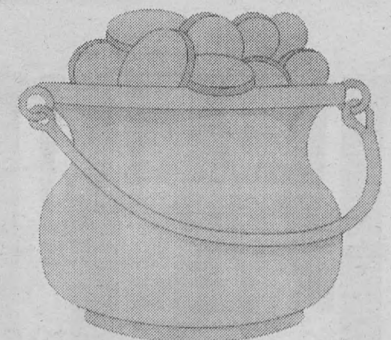
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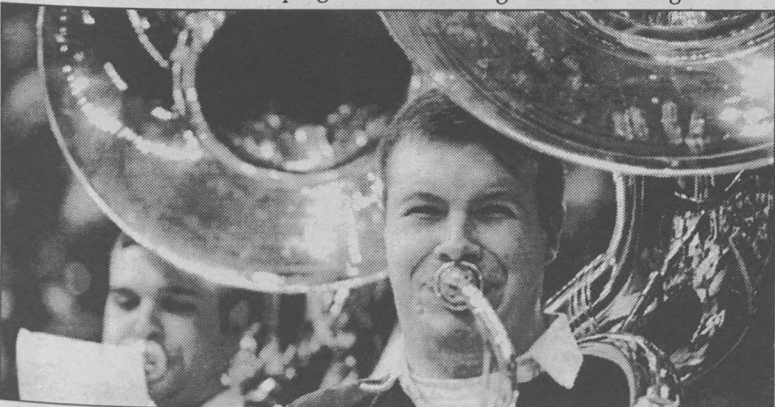
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## Twenty years ago ... another election, another runoff and Alec Baldwin

In 1979, elections ravaged campus, and tongues wagged about the exploits of Alex Baldwin, candidate for Student Association president. Baldwin had served as Program Board chair the previous year.

Baldwin lost the election that spring and transferred to New York University, where he took up acting. He later began to call himself Alec.

On Feb. 22, 1979, The GW Hatchet ran Baldwin's candidate statement. The movie star-to-be had the following take on GW:

"GW suffers from one of the most pitiable public relations operations of any university in America. Much of what the student body has grown to dislike and disagree with is the lack of understanding. The University has never made a respectable effort at explaining what 'Master Plan' means; what the University budget surplus is all about; where your Marvin Center fee goes; what the role of the Board of Trustees is at GW.

"It would seem that the administration is deliberately striving to keep the student body in the dark as to what they are doing with our money and our education."

On March 5, The Hatchet reported:

By a margin of one vote, GW Student Association (GWUSA) Attorney General Pete Aloe edged Program Board Chair Alex Baldwin in voting last week for a spot against top vote-getter Mike Karakostas in the GWUSA presidential runoff. The runoff will be conducted Wednesday and Thursday.

Karakostas, vice president of the GW Hellenic Society, placed first in the primary election with 434 votes of the 2,059 cast. Aloe finished second with 397 votes, and Baldwin had 396 votes. Because no candidate received the required 40 percent plurality, Karakostas and Aloe will face each other in a runoff...

...A re-count of the presidential ballots, which was requested by Baldwin and witnessed by Baldwin,

Aloe and Karakostas, occurred Friday. No votes were changed.

—Paul D'Ambrosio

A separate story in the same issue reported:

The GW Student Association (GWUSA) Election Committee fell apart Saturday...

...It has also become apparent Saturday that ... a number of campaign violations may have occurred during the campaign severe enough to alter the one-point margin between presidential candidates Pete Aloe and Alex Baldwin that put Aloe in the runoff...

...the downfall of the committee began when Thomas Blood, a GW senior who was registered as a campaign worker for Baldwin but insists this was done without his permission, presented to the committee a list of campaign violations...

...Blood has also supplied The Hatchet with alleged violations against Baldwin, which he says were not as easy to compile because 'other candidates thought I was too close to Baldwin, so they did not leak information to me.' Blood added that he did not have enough time to present to the committee the violations he compiled against Baldwin through his own investigations...

Because Blood is a member of the Program Board, which Baldwin headed this year, his motivation for presenting the report was questioned. He insists, however, that the reasoning behind the presentation of his report was not to place Baldwin on the runoff ballot...

—Jeff Levey and Maryann Haggerty

On March 8, 1979, National Law Center senator Dana Dembrow wrote a letter to The Hatchet. Dembrow, editor of the law school's Advocate, responded to Blood's claims:

"Yes, it is possible for Alex Baldwin to not win a fair election. Alex Baldwin lost not because anyone cheated, but simply because his opponents were the choice of the vot-

ers...

"...Not everyone in the University is enchanted with Mr. Baldwin's administrative ability as a result of the job that the Program Board has done during the past two semesters. Some of us, in fact, were quite disappointed..."

"...No, Alex, the law students didn't vote for you. They voted for Pete Aloe, who came to them to discover

what their problems and concerns were...That's right, it was fair and square.

"It's time to stop complaining and congratulate the victors, with the hope that they will do a better job than has been done in the past."

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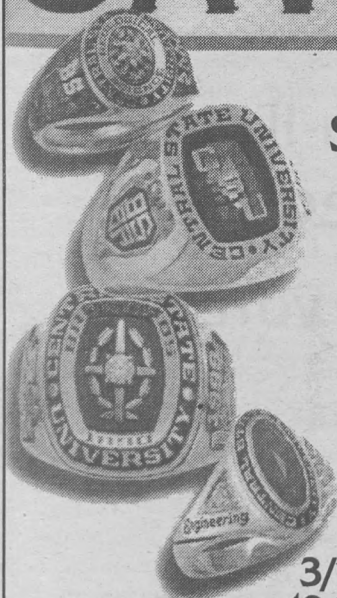
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# University Club moves to F St.

by Danny Freedman  
Hatchet Reporter

Adjoining townhouses next to Thurston Hall will replace the third-floor Marvin Center University Club by early 1999, according to University administrators.

Renovations scheduled to start this summer will transform the two townhouses next to the freshman residence hall on F Street into a multi-purpose campus facility, said Jody Winter, GW's director of special projects.

Proposals are being made to transform the current University Club into additional conference facilities, according to Jonathan Pompan, Marvin Center Governing Board chair.

Pompan said while conference space in the new facility will be rented out, registered student organizations will not have to pay to use the new conference rooms, as is the policy with the current facilities.

"Ideally, these facilities would attract larger, more prestigious conferences that would possibly be geared toward students," Pompan said. "We'd like to get conferences with an academic and educational impact and stray from conferences without relevance (to the GW community)."

Some students have harbored feelings of either discontent or indifference for the current University Club's location.

"I've never been in there, and I probably never will. I haven't had a reason to go," said junior Kevin Burkett. "I think they should con-

vert the space into a closed-circuit TV studio with University programming."

"Moving the University Club out of the Marvin Center and building a new one on F Street will put to rest once and for all the concern that the University Club doesn't fulfill a need for the student body," Pompan said. "The facility will no longer have to serve a dual role as both University Club and conference/banquet facility."

"This new club will become more focused on the needs of clientele, rather than the student population," he said.

The two GW-owned, pre-Civil War townhouses, one of which housed the Uruguayan Embassy until last year, will be architecturally joined to provide 12,000 square feet for a reception area, a grill room, bar and lounge, as well as main and private dining rooms for business and social events, according to Club Corporation of America, which will run the club for the University.

"CCA will be in charge of the development of the club," said Caroline Ellis, senior vice president for development for CCA. "Once the club is open, we will manage the operations of food, beverages and membership ... basically, anything involved in day-to-day operations."

"The University Club will offer a multi-faceted and elegant atmosphere for entertainment and business purposes of alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the University," said Ken Kasten, vice president of new business for CCA.

Winter said students age 21 and older will be allowed membership to the club.

The University has no plans to incorporate the new club into the F Street Club, a private membership club across the street also owned by GW.



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## Macmanus, Potter face off once again

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"It keeps people motivated and people know they still have a cause to fight for," he said.

In the days since the runoff was announced, both candidates have been working to receive additional endorsements. Sabina Siddiqui, who placed third in the presidential race with 18.89 percent, said she will campaign for Potter.

"I think a lot of the things she believes in are the same things our campaign is working on," Potter said.

Executive Vice President-elect Jesse Strauss also said he will campaign for Potter.

Macmanus said he believes more people will come out and support him in the runoff.

"There are groups of students that were unable to come out (last week) because of exams," he said. "They are coming out very strong this week."

Both candidates agreed that getting students to vote will be the biggest challenge in the runoff.

"I think the public relations stuff

is so important," Potter said. "I think it's important that people do realize there is a runoff."

The voting situation is similar to last week, with the same locations and same hours. However, with only one race and two questions on the ballot, the votes are expected to be counted earlier than last week's 2:45 a.m. announcement.

Goddard said paper ballots have been prepared, but will be used only if voting machines break down.

Write-in votes are not permitted in the runoff.

Letters have been sent to all residence hall students and posterage is underway to inform students of the runoff, Goddard said.

And when the announcement is made Wednesday night at J Street, one more thing will be similar to last week. Macmanus' mother, Sandra, will be by her son's side.

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## Freshmen petition for dining change

by Regina Van Horne

Hatchet Reporter

A majority of Thurston Hall residents signed a petition last month requesting changes in meal plan policies at Thurston Dining Hall.

Similar petitions have been created this year, but this is the first time organizers were able to gather more

than 600 signatures from Thurston residents, according to Thurston Hall Council President Aaron Chacker. The petition was sent to GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and other administrators.

"The petition addresses one of the biggest issues facing freshmen right now," Chacker said.

In a memo sent along with the petition, the hall council asked for meal times to be extended past 7:30 p.m., to have dinners served on Friday nights, free refills on drinks and the ability to use more than one meal in a meal period.

Extended meal hours and Friday night dinners are the most important issues on the petition, Chacker said. Students are finding they have four or five meals left at the end of the week because their schedules do not allow them to eat during meal periods, he said.

"I don't think (the petition) is unreasonable," said Thurston resident Suzanne McCann.

But these are not changes that can be easily implemented, according to Gayle Adler, director of the Student Association's Dining Services Commission.

"Some things obviously can't be changed," Adler said.

Many parents are opposed to allowing students to use more than one meal in a meal period because they are worried their children will use all their meals before the week is over, she said.

Extending hours is "not financially feasible for the University," Adler said, because the unionized staff already works eight-hour shifts. She added that free refills are not necessary because the cups are much bigger than they were a few years ago.

Chacker said Adler's concern about extending the dining hall workers' hours is legitimate.

"I'm primarily concerned with getting the meals to the students," he said.

The Dining Services Commission discussed ways to address the request for meals on Friday nights at a recent meeting, Adler said.

"It's definitely important to get Friday night meals on that end of campus," she said.

But leaving Thurston Dining Hall open Friday nights would produce too much overhead because not enough students would use the facility, according to Adler.

Instead, the commission is recommending a trial period to offer meals at Cortille Cafe in Mitchell Hall Friday nights. If the trial period is approved, it will begin after spring break.

Students eating at Thurston Dining Hall have mixed feelings about the petition, but agree the meal plan is flawed.

"I just think that changes need to be made," Thurston resident Meredith Kiernan said.

Many agreed the meal hours are too limited and said they would eat at Thurston on Friday nights if meals were offered. But students also doubted the effectiveness of the petition.

"(When I signed the petition) I thought they could actually do something about it, but it doesn't seem like anything's really going to come of it," said Thurston resident Kate Schackner.

Thurston resident Alison Consoletti noted similar petitions have been tried in the past, but no changes have been made.

Chacker said he thinks this time the petition should hold more influence, because of the number of students who signed.

"With almost 600 voicing their discourse about the meal plan in the form of a signature, we are telling the administration that this is not a unique issue by person but, in fact, a universal issue throughout the residence hall," Chacker said.

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## AmeriCorps reaches D.C.

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would not be able to do one-quarter of what we are doing this year," Young said. She supervises two AmeriCorps members at Scott-Montgomery Elementary School and one at Shaw Junior High.

This year, the number of students in the tutoring program at Scott-Montgomery jumped from 36 to 150, thanks in part to assistance from the Neighbors Project. Young said children in the programs are experiencing "tremendous" success, an accomplishment she attributes to the one-on-one tutoring available this year.

A unique partnership between the Neighbors Project, FLOC and the federal work-study program through the University enables one-on-one sessions between GW students and District youth. At Scott-Montgomery, AmeriCorps participants do not tutor students, but they coordinate the tutoring sessions, tackle problems and provide support and troubleshooting, said Kaari Oberg, an AmeriCorps participant at the school.

Oberg said students often are embarrassed during their first encounter with a tutor, ashamed that they read far below their grade level or not at all.

Oberg said one of the most exciting aspects of her service is watching the young students open up to their college-age tutors.

According to a site-specific scale used at Scott-Montgomery, Oberg's students have shown a full year of reading improvement in the six months since the program began at their school.

To facilitate such programs, the GW program works in conjunction with Connecting Howard and Neighborhoods for Growth Development, (CHANGE) Program, the community service program at

Howard University. Together the two universities sponsor eight programs serving various needs in the underprivileged Northwest Shaw neighborhood. Programs range from after-school tutoring and medical care to low-income housing renovations.

AmeriCorps provides students the chance to perform 900 hours of community service and volunteer coordination during the academic year. AmeriCorps members receive a \$5,400 stipend and a \$2,363 education award for one year of service.

Each AmeriCorps member is required to devote at least 16.5 hours a week to the Neighbors Project, including at least 10 hours of on-site work, two hours of office work and three hours of leadership training on Fridays.

Fourteen applicants will be given the chance to work in the Shaw Neighborhood in Northwest D.C.

Applicants said they chose AmeriCorps because it will allow them to perform interesting work that possibly will help in their future career endeavors. And the experience will expose potential volunteers to people and situations that may not have been available through employment elsewhere.

Anand Susarla, an AmeriCorps member who works with the Healthy Neighborhood Project, said he started looking for community service that would help his aspirations for a career in health policy.

Susarla said he wanted to gain the insight through the AmeriCorps program, which he said Washington health policy makers may lack.

"I wanted to learn about the people, not just the policies," Susarla said.

Seema Patel, office manager of GW's office of community service, said she also aspires to be an AmeriCorps member. She said she hopes to work on the Healthy

Neighborhood project to help her on the road to a medical career.

Although applicants can not apply to a specific program, they can request to work on a project of their choice, Graham said.

Application forms are available in the Neighbors Project office Room G05 in the basement of the Marvin Center. Applications for the 1998-99 school year will be accepted through March 11. Students must undergo group and personal interviews for the application process. Sixty students are expected to apply.



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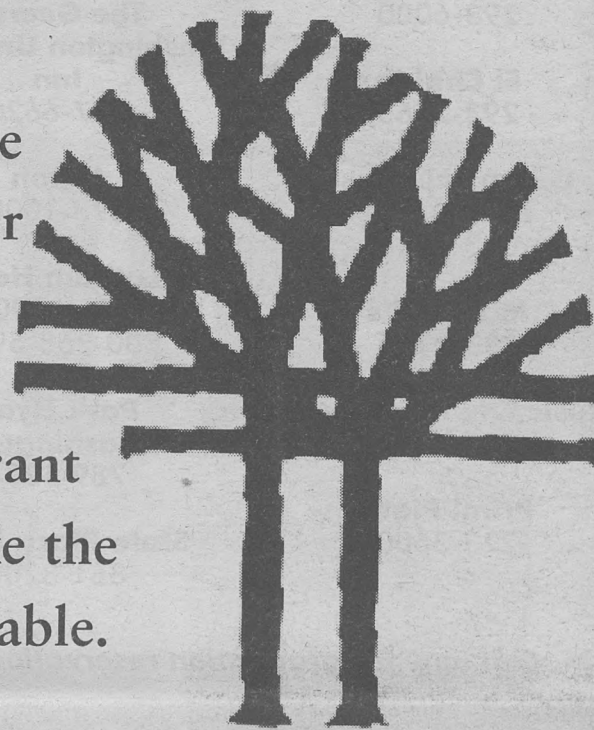
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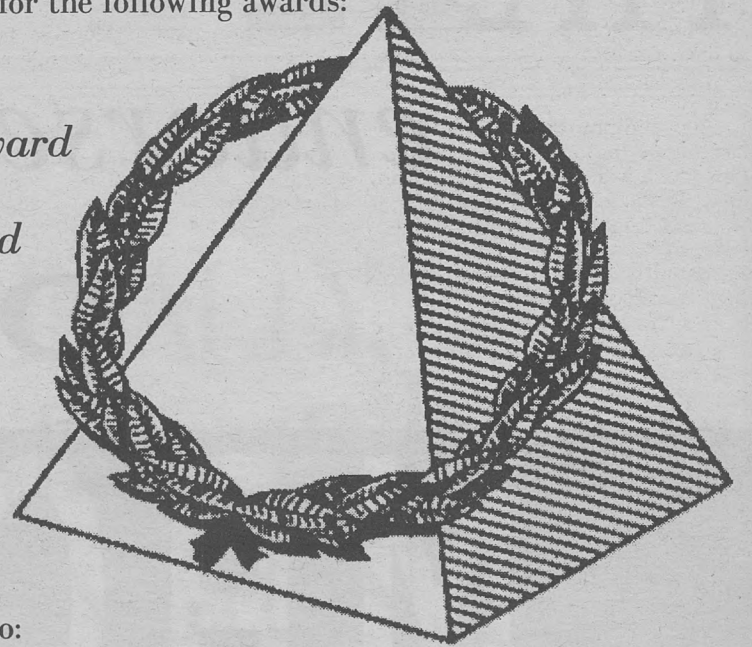


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# SA 'elitism' draws student angst

## Candidates work to bring SA back to students

by Dave Mann  
Hatchet Staff Writer

Last semester, Greg Stern, a junior computer science major, decided the computer science department needed to offer a course in one of the more modern computer programming languages.

Stern did not bring the issue to a member of the Student Association. Instead, he went straight to the dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences and the head of the department to discuss the problem.

Several members of the faculty agreed with Stern, and the department will implement changes next year. Stern said one of the reasons he was successful was that he went straight to the administration with his

problem, not the SA.

"(The SA) is useless, I got my voice heard and changed things without putting my name on a poster and pasting them up all over campus," Stern said.

Like Stern, many students said the SA does not accomplish enough and they are not interested in it.

However, SA leaders said they believe student interest in the SA is increasing and several candidates promised student interest would increase next year.

In addition, last week's SA elections had the highest voter turnout in nine years. However, despite this increase, the 2,858 students who voted represent roughly only one-fifth of GW's total enrollment.

Do average students care about the SA?

"Absolutely not," SA presidential candidate Jason Ditzian said. "I know this because I am an average student. The SA is useless."

Ditzian and other students said the SA suffers from elitism and has lost touch with average students.

"The people who care about (the SA) are the people in it," Ditzian said. "They get into office, loose touch with students and get a fabricated meaning of existence."

"I don't really know what (the SA) does," said freshman Matthew Zivot. "I know what the state government does, but I don't see that the SA has any control over policies. If they don't have control over that, then what are they doing?"

Freshman Cava Camacho said the SA needs to publicize itself more, so that more students understand what it does.

SA President Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar said he believes student interest in the SA has increased during his four years at GW.

"I really wanted to reach out to students who care about the SA this year and then go beyond that," Golparvar said. "It has been important to my administration to reach out to students and show them that the SA can be a vehicle for their concerns."

Some students said the SA has been addressing student concerns this year.

"Q's done a great job," said sophomore Jonathan Lany. "In order to be in that position, you have to listen to people, even if you disagree with that. 'Q' has listened to people and said 'Okay, we'll take a look at that.' You

don't see the administration do that."

Several students said they would be more interested in the SA if it dealt with smaller issues that affect students' everyday lives.

"Students will be more interested when they see results in their everyday lives," SA presidential candidate Carrie Potter said. "When they go to class and they have a seat, that is what the average student cares about. These are the kinds of things the SA should be advocating for."

SA Executive Vice President-elect Jesse Strauss said the SA should not need to have students paying attention to accomplish its goals, but also promised to try to increase student interest next year.

"The SA is only an office, what matters is the people you have in it," he said. "We're going to put some average students in the SA next year. We're making progress, but it's slow."

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## Candidates consider short campaign

by Tammy Imhoff  
Hatchet Staff Writer

This year's candidates for student government had less than a month to convince students they were right for the job.

After several months of debate about specifics for a new Joint Elections Committee charter, the decision was made to keep elections before spring break. But by the time the charter was passed, the campaign season was about to begin.

The deadline for students to declare their candidacy was Feb. 13, marking the official beginning of the campaign season, which culminated with elections last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Carrie Potter, a Student Association presidential candidate in this week's runoff with Patrick Macmanus, said the runoff might have been avoided by giving candidates more time to talk to more groups of voters.

"Whenever you get out and talk to more groups you have the opportunity to gain more support," Potter said. "I don't know if it is a question of needing more time or better time management."

Cat Sadler, who ran an unsuccessful campaign for an undergraduate at-large Senate seat, said she did not do much campaigning outside of poster and palmcarding. She said the

shortened campaign schedule did not affect her campaign tactics, but that she understood some candidates felt rushed.

"Time was a problem - a lot of people wished they had a couple of days more," Sadler said. "Some of the races were really close and they would have liked a little more time to campaign."

Potter said in some ways the campaign season was the perfect amount of time.

"It was a short amount of time to get things done, but for the sake of the GW students who find campaigning annoying, I think the shorter the better," she said.

Alexis Rice, who won a Senate seat for the Columbian School of Arts and Sciences, said the timing of the race created a problem because candidates were forced to campaign during midterms.

"A lot of my volunteers couldn't campaign last week because they had midterms, whereas last year (when elections were) in mid-February it wasn't as much of a problem," Rice said.

Presidential candidate Sabina Siddiqui said it was difficult to find a balance between running a campaign and keeping up with her studies.

"The way that campaigns are run here, you have to make it a top priority to even make a decent showing," Siddiqui said.

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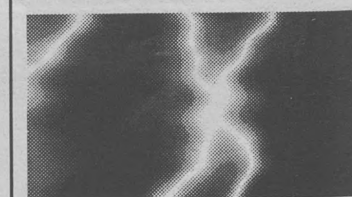
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## Fantozzi disqualified from SBPM seat

Though he garnered enough votes to win one of two Senate seats for the School of Business and Public Management, Lou Fantozzi was invalidated as a candidate by the Joint Elections Committee, propping Derek P. Grosso and freshman Megan Huszagh to victory.

Grosso won 30.62 percent of the vote to come in first place, Fantozzi 25.39 percent and Huszagh 23.26 percent. Jonathan Rosen, the fourth candidate for the SBPM seat, received 12.96 percent of the vote.

Terry Goddard, JEC chair, said Fantozzi knew he was ineligible several days before the election, but it was too late to remove his name from the ballot, and voters subsequently did not realize he was no longer running.

"I am on disciplinary probation due to an alcohol-related offense," Fantozzi said. He said the incident occurred early in the academic year and he was unaware it would make him ineligible for the Senate.

Fantozzi said the JEC should have checked his eligibility several weeks ago, so he would not have been on the ballot.

—Matt Katz

## Meisner calls his ESIA victory a surprise

Exhilaration and exhaustion characterized the race for the two undergraduate Senate seats in the Elliott School of International Affairs, according to Phil Meisner.

"I am sick now because of it," he said.

Meisner won 18.35 percent of the vote, second to sophomore Caity Leu who had 20 percent.

Both Meisner and Leu said they targeted Thurston Hall during the campaigns. Meisner said he felt mobilizing Thurston Hall residents was an important step in capturing the seat. Leu agreed, but said she focused particularly on freshmen students in ESIA.

Now that they have been elected, both Meisner and Leu are planning for the future.

Both said they are interested in improving the advising system in ESIA. Specifically, Leu said she wants to implement a faculty advising program and improve peer advising.

Meisner said he was surprised at the ESIA election results. He said he expected his opponent, Anthony Martinez, to sweep the race because of his position as president of the International Affairs Society.

Martinez came in a close third and won 17.89 percent of the vote.

—Francesca Di Meglio

## Freshman wins undergrad-at-large seat

Melanie Witte and her green jacket, which she made a symbol for her campaign, will be sitting on the Student Association Senate next year after she won one of two undergraduate-at-large seats Thursday morning.

"I took a lot of flak for being a freshman (candidate), but tonight it has all paid off," Witte said. She received 21.04 percent of the vote.

Sophomore Amina Chaudary secured the second at-large seat with 17.98 percent of the vote, edging out current Columbian School of Arts and Sciences Sen. Cat Sadler by 11 votes.

"I want to go out and be sure the undergrads are represented," Chaudary said. "I want to be a good Senator."

—Dan Gabriel

## Administrator wins GSEHD seat

Mike Gargano, executive director of the Student Activities Center, said he is interested in accepting the Student Association Senate position he received Wednesday.

Gargano, who takes classes in the Graduate School of Education and Human Development, received one write-in vote for the Senate, which was enough to give him the seat.

"I want to accept the senator position from the GSEHD," Gargano said. "I think it would provide me a great opportunity to learn, make new friends and to represent the GSEHD."

"However, I am going to leave it to students and the Senate to make the final decision," he said. "If the students think there is a conflict of interest, I will not accept the position."

Mike Walker, senior assistant dean of the Community Living and Learning Center, received the other GSEHD seat. He was unavailable for comment.

—Matt Berger

## Few turn out for SEAS races

Tess Knudson said winning a graduate School of Engineering and Applied Sciences seat was a "joke."

"The fact I won on three write-in votes is sad," Knudson said.

"Graduate students obviously do not vote, even more so than undergraduates."

Knudson said she doubts she will accept the seat.

"I don't think it's fair to take the position and I don't have any time to dedicate to it," she said.

This will be J.P. Blackford's fifth consecutive year as a senator and his platform has not changed.

"I will continue to help representing views of graduate engineering students," Blackford said.

Ali Husain won the undergraduate SEAS seat. His opponents, Grant Franklin Guthrie and Shelley Marella Mountjoy said their campaigns were based on an expected low voter turnout. Only 139 students out of 553 voted in this year's election.

Husain won with 46.43 percent. Guthrie received 28.57 percent of the vote and Mountjoy received 24.29 percent.

—Monique L. Harding

## Famous names receive MCGB votes

With three candidates running for four seats on the Marvin Center Governing Board, anyone had the chance of getting their name on the ballot.

Although Tim Breslin won the spot with 63 write-in votes, Monica Lewinsky, Al Gore and Benjamin Netanyahu headed the list of celebrities who received votes.

None of the write-ins topped the three official candidates in votes. Mike Petron claimed first place with 1,105 votes, followed by Scott Levi with 1,075 and Andrew Benbasset-Miller with 1,018 votes.

"People showed an outside interest for what we worked for," Petron said of the write-in votes.

The winners said although there were some joke entries on the results, they will take the job seriously.

—Stacey Felsen

## Familiar face returns to student government

The MCGB graduate-at-large seat will be held by someone with experience in student government —

Damian McKenna, a former Student Association president who is currently a Presidential Administrative Fellow working for City Councilman Jack Evans.

McKenna won with 13 write-in votes. He said his friends joked about nominating him for the position, but said he was surprised he had gathered enough votes for a victory.

McKenna said he is aware of the

responsibilities of the MCGB and said he feels he has the qualifications for the job.

He said the Marvin Center can be improved and cater to more graduate students by offering better food at competitive prices and increased services.

"Change needs to happen faster," he said.

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## GW finishes second in A-10

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its final six games. However, the Colonials outrebounded all three opponents in the tournament and got solid play from forward Pat Ngongba and reserves J.J. Brade and Francisco de Miranda.

Shawnta Rogers was the only GW player named to the All-Tournament Team. Torraye Braggs, Darnell Williams, Lenny Brown and James Posey, all from Xavier, also were named to the All-Tournament Team. Posey was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

Forward Antxon Iturbe did not play in the tournament. Iturbe has missed six games with a stress fracture in his left foot.

### Xavier 77, GW 63

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. - Playing only its second A-10 championship game ever, and its first since 1991, GW could not overcome 33 percent shooting, 20 turnovers and poor foul shooting, and lost to Xavier 77-63 Saturday.

Posey garnered 23 points and seven rebounds for the Musketeers, who shut down GW's offense to win their first A-10 Championship.

The game was just as physical as GW's previous two games with Xavier. In Xavier's 96-86 win Feb. 16, the teams combined for 73 fouls. Saturday, the teams committed a combined 53 fouls.

However, the Colonials could not capitalize, making only 58 percent of their free throws. Meanwhile, Xavier made 79 percent of its foul shots, including 24 free throws in the second half, when the Musketeers slowly opened up a double-digit lead.

Xavier led nearly the entire game, but GW closed to within five points on a three-pointer by Shawnta Rogers with 7:23 left in the game. The Colonials would get no closer.

Posey got open behind the GW defense for a layup, Braggs put back a missed shot and converted a layup to give the Musketeers a 59-48 lead with 5:30 remaining.

Center Alexander Koul then com-

mitted his fifth foul. King fouled out three minutes later, joining Brade, who had fouled out with 10:13 left in the game.

Then, one after another, Xavier players began going to the foul line and maintained their lead by making free throws.

Xavier put an exclamation point on its win with several dunks in the final minutes as its lead ballooned to as many as 15 points.

"They made more easy baskets and more free throws, it comes down to that," Jarvis said. "We'll learn from this loss, just as we've learned from every other."

"When we get to the NCAA Tournament, we'll do better than we did tonight," King said.

GW's offensive execution was not as good in the first half as it had been in the Colonials' wins over Temple and UMass.

Koul opened the scoring with a layup in the first 15 seconds, but GW did not score for the next five minutes. The Colonials committed seven turnovers in the game's first seven minutes. Xavier used the turnovers to open a 17-7 lead in the game's first 10 minutes.

"We kept the pace of the game up-tempo, which is our pace," Posey said. "We didn't let them set up in the half court."

Brown got King into foul trouble in the first half and held the freshman to just eight points.

"My job was to shut him down," Brown said. "He hit those two free throws at their place, and we haven't forgotten about that."

Yegor Mescheriakov led GW with 15 points, but made only four of 14 shots.

### GW 78, Temple 64

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. - GW used a 16-2 run over the final five minutes to beat Temple 78-64 in the semifinals Friday.

The game was tied 62-62 with 5:35 remaining, but GW held the Owls to just one field goal the rest of the game. De Miranda started the Colonial run with a jump shot. Brade then drove the lane for a layup.

After a Brade free throw, Koul made a layup just as the shot clock buzzer went off. GW scored seven straight points and led 69-62.

Temple's Keaton Sanders got a layup on a nice pass from point guard Pepe Sanchez to bring the Owls within five points with two minutes left. Those were the last points Temple would score.

Ngongba was credited with a basket on a goaltending call. Two possessions later, Ngongba got a steal, was fouled and made two free throws to give GW a 74-64 lead with a minute remaining.

"I do have a special group of kids, who learn from adversity and losses," Jarvis said. "We didn't want to give Temple put backs and tried to neutralize their three-point shooting."

King led GW with 19 points and seven rebounds, and Koul had eight points, 13 rebounds and only one foul. The Colonials outrebounded the Owls 49-30 and shot 43 percent from the field.

"What are you going to do with Koul under the boards? They're a great rebounding team," Temple Coach John Chaney said.

Sanchez had success shooting over the 5-4 Rogers early in the game, scoring 10 first-half points for Temple. However, Sanchez committed his second foul with 10 minutes left in the first half and spent long stretches of the second half on the bench with three fouls.

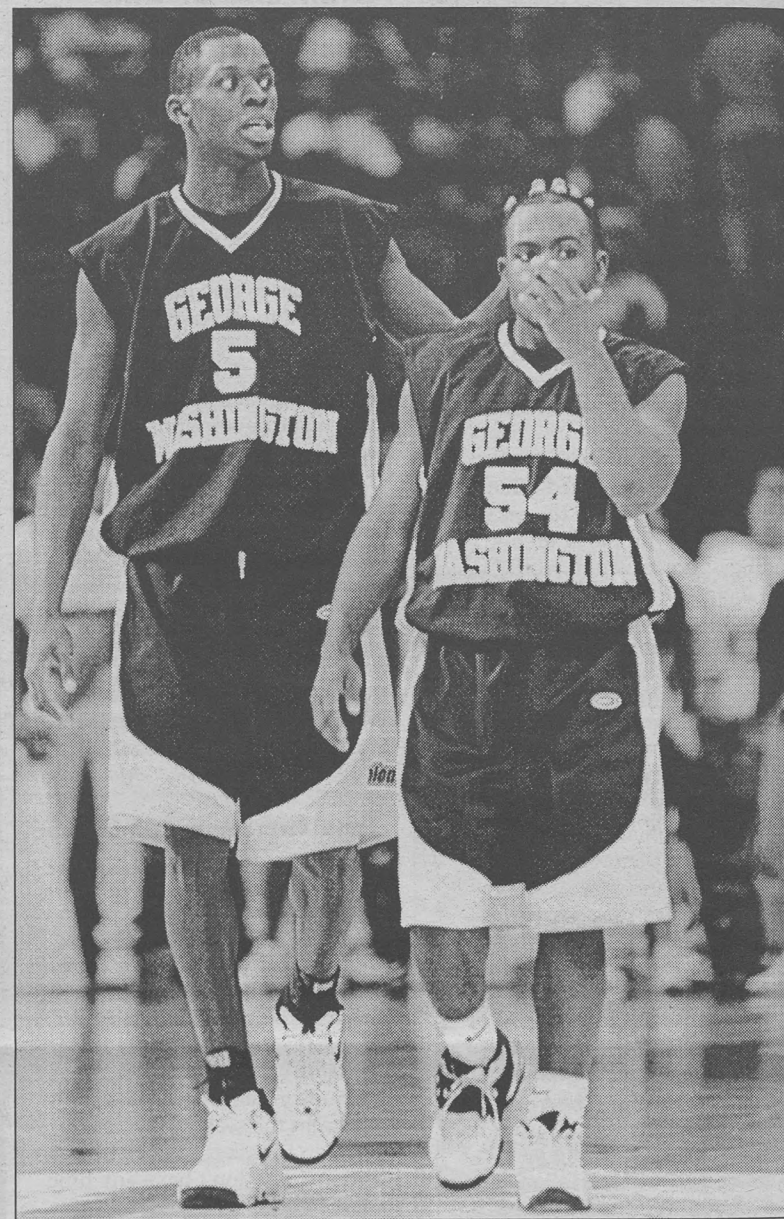
"When he's off the floor, we suffer," Chaney said of Sanchez.

The win was GW's 24th of the season, tying a school record for wins. The 1954-'55 Colonials were 24-6.

### GW 88, UMass 83

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. - Shawnta Rogers had a career-high 28 points, and Mike King added 18 points and seven rebounds to help GW defeat UMass in Thursday's quarterfinal game.

GW trailed by eight points, 47-39, with 14:56 left in the game. The Colonials then went on a 17-2 run over the next five minutes to take a 56-49 lead with 10:15 left. But UMass came back. A free throw by Ajmal



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Baltimore natives Shawnta Rogers (right) and Mike King (left) were held to a combined 21 points in GW's loss to Xavier in its second-ever A-10 Final.

Basit brought the Minutemen within a point at 62-61 with 5:33 remaining.

The Colonials then raced off on an 11-2 run. Two free throws by Ngongba gave GW a 73-63 lead with 2:42 left. But UMass did not quit, hitting four three-pointers in the final minute to make the score close. Rogers made four free throws in the final 15 seconds to secure the win.

Brade, de Miranda and Ngongba combined for 26 points and eight rebounds.

"Those guys played well, they were the difference in the game," UMass coach "Bruiser" Flint said. "You look for Mike King and Shawnta Rogers to do their thing, but those guys came in and played a big part."

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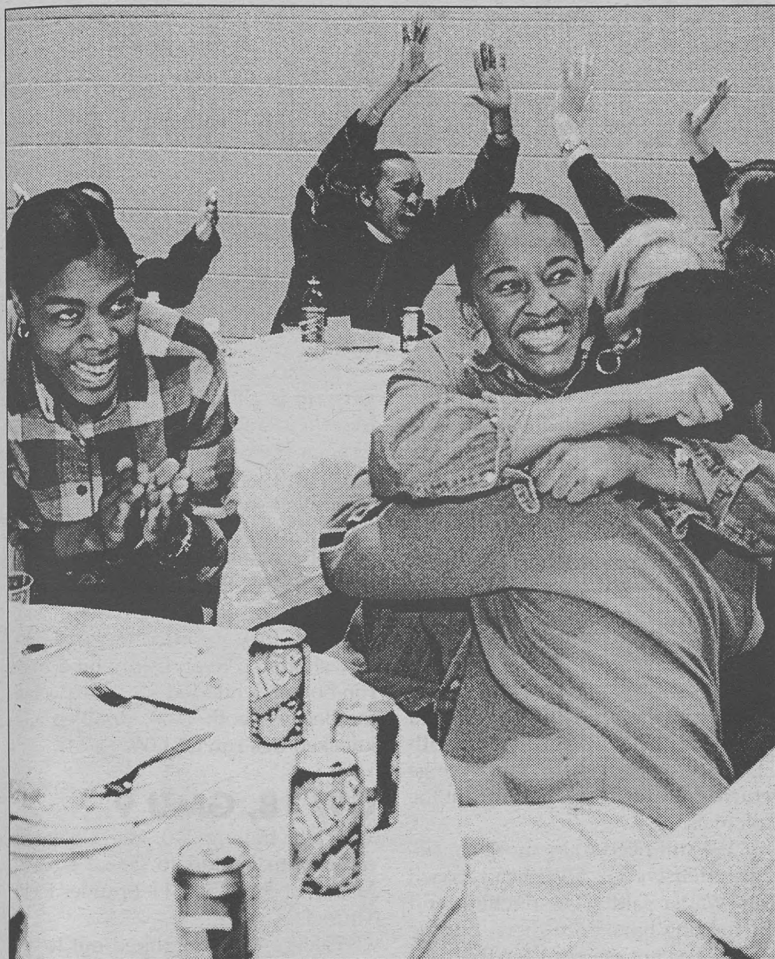
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GW women's basketball players Mandisa Turner and Starr Jefferson embrace amidst celebration after learning the Colonial women are selected as the East Region's 10th seed in the 1998 NCAA Tournament.

## GW gets 10th seed, will play Georgia in NCAA Tourney

by Dustin Gouker  
Sports Editor

The GW women's basketball team did not need to wait long Sunday evening to find out if it had been selected as one of 64 teams in the 1998 NCAA Tournament.

Just five minutes into ESPN's selection show, in the first bracket announced, the Colonial women discovered they were chosen as the 10th seed in the tournament's East Region.

"I am happy with the seed in that this year we didn't have the wins we had last year, so it's hard to say you should be a three or four seed," head coach Joe McKeown said. "When you get a 10 seed, that says you are in the top 40 teams in the country, which is where we are this year."

After the announcement a celebratory atmosphere filled the Top 20 Club of the Smith Center, where the team, coaches and supporters of the Colonial women had gathered to watch the selection show. After losing to Virginia Tech in the semifinals of the Atlantic 10 Tournament last Sunday, the Colonial women's hopes of making it to the postseason were in the hands of the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee, which is charged with filling out the NCAA Tournament's field each year.

"I hope everybody took a bubble bath before they came here," GW McKeown told the crowd gathered in the Top 20 Club, referring to GW's status as one of the teams that was "on the bubble" in regards to making it into the tournament as an at-large bid.

The Colonial women (19-9, 12-4

Atlantic 10) will face the University of Georgia, the seventh seed in the East, Friday, March 13 or Saturday, March 14 at the University of Connecticut's home court in the first round of the tournament.

If GW wins its first round game, it most likely would face first-round host Connecticut, the second seed in the East.

The NCAA Tournament has been kind to the Colonial women in recent years. GW has made the tournament the last five years and seven of the last eight, with a record of 9-6 in NCAA Tournament play.

Last season saw GW make its best run in postseason play as the team reached the "Elite Eight" of the NAAs. GW, the fifth seed in the East a season ago, won three games in the tournament and beat the University of North Carolina, the East's number one seed in 1997, to reach the regional finals.

The Atlantic 10 was well represented in this year's tournament, as two other teams joined GW in the 64-team field. Virginia Tech, the A-10 conference champion, was selected as the 11th seed in the West Region, while Massachusetts was given the 13th seed in the West.

Before the selection show began, McKeown also told the crowd his team had practiced that same day in case it made it into the field of 64.

"You have to practice," McKeown said. "Any time you are on the bubble you can't just stop playing. We haven't played since last Sunday, and you can't go a week without doing anything. Now we have an opportunity to come back tomorrow and get ready to compete for a national championship, and that's what it's all about."

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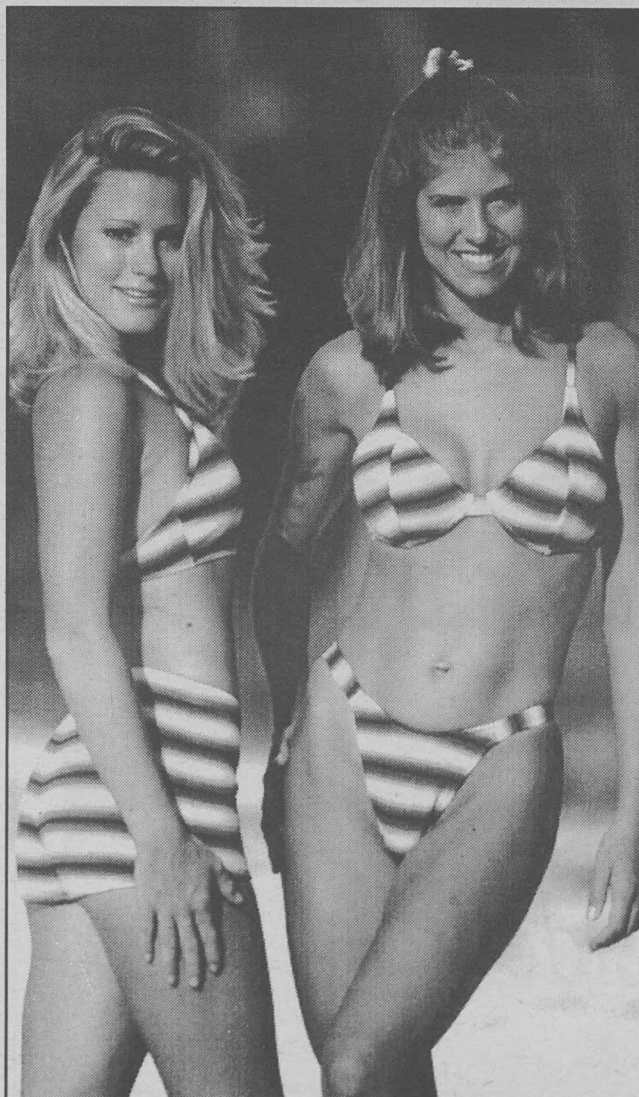
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## Colonials earn first back-to-back wins of 1998 season

### GW baseball wins two of three games

by Dustin Gouker

Sports Editor

The GW baseball team doubled its win total for the season by posting victories in two of its best games of the year.

The Colonials (4-8) started the weekend with a come-from-behind victory at George Mason University Thursday, followed by a shutout of Cleveland State University at home Saturday.

GW's first winning streak of the season came to an end in the second game of a doubleheader with Cleveland State, when the Vikings returned the favor by shutting out the Colonials.

"We still need to be more consistent offensively," GW head coach Tom Walter said. "The pitching and the fielding have been there, but the offense has not always been there for us."

GW was scheduled to complete a three-game series with Cleveland State Sunday afternoon, but the game was canceled because of rain.

The baseball team is slated to play two home games this week against Towson State University Tuesday and Coppin State University Wednesday.

### Cleveland St. 1, GW 0

A home run by Cleveland State (2-9) in the top of the first inning was all the Vikings needed to defeat GW at Barcroft Park Saturday in the second game of a twin bill.

GW's Tom Baginski went the distance in the seven-inning game, allowing just one earned run and two hits. The junior left-hander also struck out seven Vikings while walking just three.

Third baseman Ted Curre and designated hitter Cassidy Smith had the only hits for the Colonials.

### GW 4, Cleveland St. 0

GW hurler Adam Belicic pitched a complete game shutout to lead the Colonials to victory over Cleveland

State Saturday afternoon at Barcroft Park.

Belicic, a freshman left-hander, gave up just four hits and struck out five Cleveland State batters in seven innings of work.

"That's impressive for a freshman to throw a shutout," Walter said. "He really stepped up big for us."

The Colonials scored two runs in the bottom of the first and two in the bottom of the sixth to earn the win, although they recorded just five hits. GW shortstop Ryan Dacey hit a two-run homer, while Ted Curre and Joe Beichert both doubled and knocked in a run for GW.

### GW 18, GMU 9

After trailing 7-0, the Colonials came from behind to defeat George Mason at Raymond H. Spuhler Field Thursday.

George Mason jumped out to the early lead by scoring seven runs in the first three innings on GW starter Bryan Beggs. Sophomore Chad Dewey (1-0), who earned the win for the Colonials, entered the game in relief of Beggs in the fourth and held GMU to just two more runs in the next three innings.

GW got on the scoreboard with three runs in both the fourth and fifth innings to narrow the Patriots' lead to 7-6, and took the lead briefly in the top of the sixth with two more runs to take an 8-7 lead.

GMU took the lead back with a pair of runs in the bottom of the sixth, but GW went ahead for good by scoring 10 runs in the final three innings.

"We were happy to see the bats come alive," Walter said.

First baseman Joe Beichert led the Colonial offensive attack. The junior went four-for-five with a pair of home runs, two doubles, five runs batted in and three runs scored. Ryan Dacey went three-for-five with a home run.

Freshman Rolie Corden pitched the final three innings without surrendering a run to earn his first save of the season.



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# Role players key to Colonials' success in A-10 Tournament

by Dave Mann  
Sports Editor

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Massachusetts coach "Bruiser" Flint said the reason for GW's 88-83 win over his Minutemen in the Atlantic 10 Tournament quarterfinals Thursday was not Shawnta Rogers' career-high 28 points or Mike King's 18 points and seven rebounds, but the contributions of forward Pat Ngongba and reserves J.J. Brade and Francisco de Miranda.

"Those guys played well, they were the difference in the game," he said. "Ngongba got to every loose ball, J.J. Brade came up with a big

steal and a basket, and de Miranda played well. I thought we did a good job on (Alexander) Koul and (Yegor) Mescheriakov. You look for Mike King and Shawnta Rogers to do their thing, but those guys came in and played a big part."

Brade, de Miranda and Ngongba all played a big role in the success of the GW men's basketball team at the A-10 Tournament this weekend. Against UMass, Ngongba had 10 points and six rebounds, de Miranda had nine points and Brade scored seven points, including two dunks.

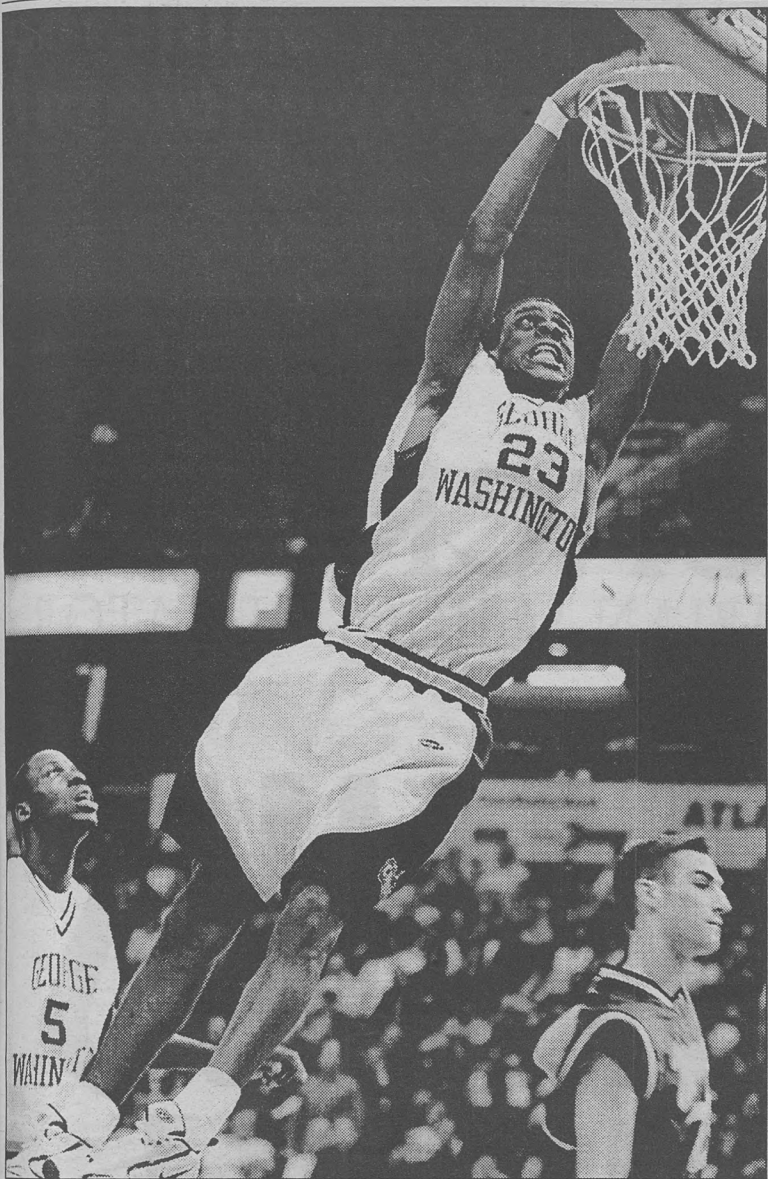
The three also played well against Temple Friday. Brade had a season-high 17 points and had six rebounds. De Miranda had a career-

high 11 points, and Ngongba added seven rebounds.

Brade, de Miranda and Ngongba all played very few minutes at certain points during the year. Brade's minutes suffered the most, as he did not play at all for several games in a row.

"I'm really proud of J.J. for not giving up on himself or the team," Jarvis said. "He's been through some rough times and I would like to think that all the things we've gone through have really paid off."

"I appreciate the fact that Coach Jarvis has given me a chance to redeem myself," Brade said. "I'd rather be playing at tournament time than any other time during the season."



Junior J.J. Brade dunks for two of his seven points against UMass Thursday. "I'd rather be playing at tournament time than any other part of the year," Brade said.

GW men 88, Massachusetts 83						
	MIN	FG	REB	PF	PTS	
UMass	30	1-1	0	5	2	
Babul	35	4-8	7	5	12	
Basit	29	10-15	4	4	22	
Ketner	34	5-10	2	4	16	
Clarke	36	7-14	8	3	24	
Mack	9	0-1	1	2	0	
DePina	1	0-0	0	0	0	
Burns	1	0-0	0	1	0	
Cruz	12	1-1	1	4	3	
Kirkland	13	1-3	2	1	4	
Weeks	200	29-53	28	29	83	
GW						
	MIN	FG	REB	PF	PTS	
Ngongba	37	4-8	6	2	10	
Mescheriakov	26	1-5	2	3	8	
Koul	25	2-6	10	5	8	
King	38	7-10	7	3	18	
Rogers	38	7-14	5	3	28	
Eyal	2	0-0	1	0	0	
Krivonos	1	0-0	0	1	0	
de Miranda	16	3-5	2	4	9	
Brade	16	2-2	0	2	7	
Hazzard	1	0-0	0	0	0	
TOTALS	200	26-50	33	23	88	
UMass	38	45	83			
GW	34	54	88			

UMass-Percentages: FG .547, FT .667. Three-point goals: 7-14 (Clarke 3-7, Mack 3-6, Kirkland 1-1), .500. Blocked shots: 3 (Ketner 2). Assists: 19 (Clarke 7). Turnovers: 14 (Clarke 4). Steals: 3 (Three with 3).

GW-Percentages: FG .520, FT .667. Three-point goals: 4-8 (Mescheriakov 1-1, King 1-1, Rogers 2-5), .500. Blocked shots: 1 (de Miranda). Assists: 14 (King, Rogers 4). Turnovers: 11 (Mescheriakov, Koul 3). Steals: 4 (Brade 2).

Xavier 77, GW men 63						
	MIN	FG	REB	PF	PTS	
GW	30	2-8	10	3	5	
Ngongba	34	4-14	5	2	15	
Mescheriakov	17	2-5	2	5	6	
Koul	24	2-7	2	5	8	
King	39	5-15	6	2	13	
Rogers	1	0-0	1	0	0	
Eyal	1	0-0	1	0	0	
Lund	12	0-0	3	1	2	
Krivonos	14	3-4	9	3	8	
de Miranda	1	0-0	0	0	0	
Green	1	0-0	0	0	0	
Anyan	1	0-0	0	0	0	
Brade	17	1-3	1	5	2	
Camara	8	1-3	0	3	3	
Hazzard	1	0-1	0	0	1	
TOTALS	200	20-60	45	29	63	
Xavier						
	MIN	FG	REB	PF	PTS	
Johnson	35	1-4	2	4	5	
Williams	28	4-11	2	4	11	
Briggs	25	4-9	7	4	17	
Lumpkin	36	2-4	6	3	7	
Brown	36	4-8	3	2	14	
Kelsey	1	0-0	0	0	0	
Turner	1	0-1	0	1	0	
McAfee	6	0-1	1	2	0	
Terpening	1	0-0	0	0	0	
Posey	27	6-9	7	4	23	
Payne	3	0-0	0	0	0	
Butler	1	0-1	1	0	0	
TOTALS	200	21-48	34	24	77	
GW	28	35	63			
Xavier	33	44	77			

GW-Percentages: FG .333, FT .581. Three-point goals: 5-18 (Mescheriakov 1-4, Rogers 3-7, Camara 1-3), .278. Blocked shots: 1 (Koul). Assists: 10 (Rogers 4). Turnovers: 20 (Mescheriakov 6). Steals: 6 (King 2).

Xavier-Percentages: FG .438, FT .791. Three-point goals: 1-5 (Lumpkin 1-2), .200. Blocked shots: 2 (Johnson, Briggs). Assists: 9 (Lumpkin 3). Turnovers: 13 (Lumpkin 3). Steals: 10 (Brown 3).

GW men 78, Temple 64						
	MIN	FG	REB	PF	PTS	
GW	21	1-3	7	2	2	
Ngongba	29	3-13	6	2	12	
Mescheriakov	29	3-7	13	1	8	
Koul	33	7-13	7	2	19	
King	40	2-7	3	3	6	
Rogers	18	4-5	4	3	11	
de Miranda	25	5-8	6	1	17	
Brade	5	1-4	0	0	3	
Camara	200	26-60	49	14	78	
Temple						
	MIN	FG	REB	PF	PTS	
Dunkley	19	1-5	3	2	3	
Stewart	21	3-5	2	5	7	
Barnes	40	5-9	2	4	14	
Sanchez	23	2-8	3	4	12	
Brokenborough	30	1-2	4	1	6	
Sanders	16	1-2	1	1	2	
Wadley	32	4-16	3	1	10	
Greer	19	2-9	1	2	10	
TOTALS	200	23-62	30	22	64	
GW	39	39	78			
Temple	34	30	64			

GW-Percentages: FG .433, FT .667. Three-point goals: 6-17 (King 1-3, Rogers 2-6, de Miranda 1-1, Brade 1-1, Camara 1-4), .353. Blocked shots: 2 (Koul, de Miranda). Assists: 20 (de Miranda 5). Turnovers: 10 (Mescheriakov, King 2). Steals: 5 (Rogers 2).

Temple-Percentages: FG .371, FT .800. Three-point goals: 6-25 (Dunkley 1-4, Brokenborough 1-4, Wadley 2-9, Greer 2-5), .240. Blocked shots: 10 (Barnes 3). Assists: 11 (Sanchez, Wadley 4). Turnovers: 8 (Sanchez, Brokenborough 3). Steals: 9 (Barnes 2).

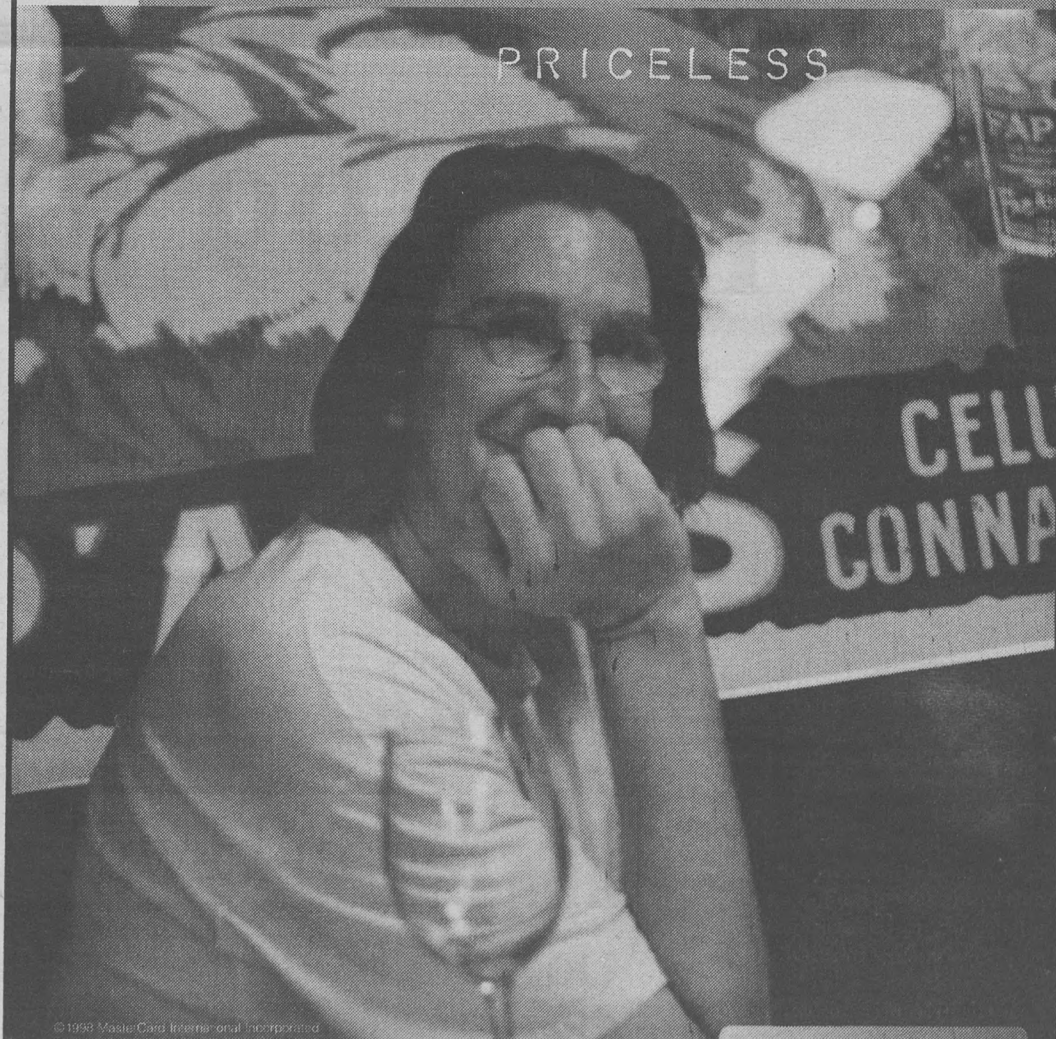
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## ACROSS

- Put one's foot down
- Not stiff
- Without: Fr.
- Prefix with anthropology
- Eye part
- "Here comes trouble!"
- Arctic or Indian, e.g.
- Flees
- Noose material
- "Yes!"
- Ogled
- Name for many a theater
- Totally absorbed (in)
- Bright and bouncy

- "Get — of yourself!"
- Easter bloom
- Managed
- Often-welcomed part of the week
- Suffix with switch
- Bara of the silents
- Lymph —
- Interstellar cloud
- Diamond —
- Alum
- Southwestern home material
- of Two Cities"
- Atlantic Seaboard, with "the"

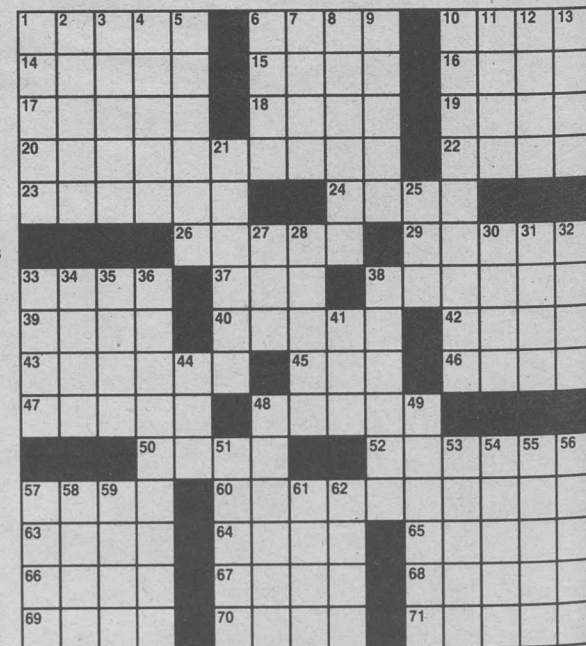
- Egyptian's tongue
- Quick
- "Yes!"
- Prez
- So long, in Soho
- Utter fear
- Engineer's school
- Western Indians
- Court TV coverage
- Nick and Nora's dog
- Attention-getter
- Because

## DOWN

- Mar
- Tasteless
- Kind of acid
- Civil War general
- Pay
- One of a kind
- "Terrible" czar
- Computer capacity
- Ziti, e.g.
- "Yes!"
- Hey there, at sea
- Nah
- Outbuilding
- Mafioso's code of silence
- Golfer's goal
- Cheerleader's cry
- Genuflected
- Aroma

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Puzzle by Eileen Lexau

- Terhune's "Dog"
- Like Easter eggs
- Songstress Horne
- Enraged
- Gray wolf
- "Yes!"
- Bit of finery
- A day in Spain
- Loving herd's place
- Baseball stat
- Gives way to rage
- and took notice
- Early name in video games
- African republic
- Ending with sacro-
- Rinse or dry, in a dishwasher
- Goat cheese
- Gives the heave-ho
- Splinter group
- Holy Fr. ladies
- Malt kiln

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